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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am extremely interested in the role of nutritional factors in the etiology of cancers for which analytic epidemiologic studies have implicated tobacco as the dominant risk factor. My interest in this subject began when I was at the American Health Foundation in New York City. In the process of conducting an ecological study on lung cancer, I became very impressed by the strong association between dietary factors and lung cancer mortality rates.

Recently, I have begun working with Hispanic and Cambodian people in Lowell, Massachusetts who have high lung and oral cancer rates. We have conducted nutritional studies that indicate possible deficiencies in antioxidant micronutrients that may be related to carcinogenesis. As a consequence of our recent work and interests we have designed a study to examine the effects of alpha-tocopherol and beta-carotene supplementation on lung cytology among Cambodian and Hispanic current smokers who attend a health clinic for non-smoking-related symptoms.

If you would be interested in reviewing a proposal, please contact me with relevant application guidelines and procedures.

Sincerely yours,

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